FY 2006 Coastal Monitoring Grant Recipients

Salem Sound Coastwatch - $10,184
To purchase a refractometer and minor hardware, produce a field guide, develop voucher specimen protocol, and training volunteers for identifying invasive species.

Mystic River Watershed Association - $12,000
To support existing and ongoing water quality monitoring program through the purchase of a Colilert system (quantifies *E. coli* in water samples), the analysis of 400 water samples, and outreach to the public and municipalities.

Westport River Watershed Alliance - $5,752
To purchase a refractometer and minor hardware, water quality data collection, lab analysis, identification of hotspots, and communication of results to municipalities and the public.

North and South Rivers Watershed Association - $7,500
To hire an ecologist to provide training, collect invasive species data, purchase minor hardware for aiding in data collection, and offset minor administrative costs.

Jones River Marine Ecology Center - $9,940
To purchase a water quality data collection instrument (YSI), probes, and cables for continuous monitoring of the Jones River.

University of Massachusetts Boston - $9,624
To purchase an incubator, collect bacteria count data, pay students for water quality analysis, to purchase materials to support the Neponset River Watershed Association's use of the UMass Colilert system, and training in the use of this system.

Neponset River Watershed Association - $12,000
To support existing and ongoing water quality monitoring efforts.

Ipswich River Watershed Association - $12,000
To hire a water quality specialist to analyze existing data and theories about the cause of low dissolved oxygen. Some minor hardware for collecting water quality data will also be purchased.

Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research - $11,000
To provide water quality data on The Gulf [not "Gulf of Maine"...there is an area of Cohasset called "The Gulf"] region, to train volunteers, and provide outreach to municipalities on the importance of the data collected.